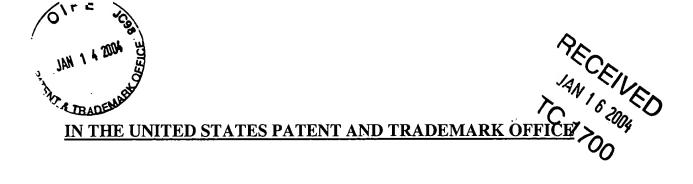
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## **AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Official Action dated October 16, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: